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committee worked through their opposition to some degree.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, I am trying to remember.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: If it was LB 1384, I'm looking at the committee statement, you were the only proponent. There were two, four, six, seven opponents to it.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator, we could have had an amendment dealing with reclamation districts. I think all of the opponents...none of the opponents had anything to say about drainage districts. There was considerable opposition to doing away with reclamation districts, the ad valorem taxing power of reclamation districts, and the reason for that was that they were structured different than drainage districts in the sense that a reclamation district levies an ad valorem tax that includes not only the property benefited, or that is part of the farmland, but also includes towns and cities.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Okay.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So it's like an NRD. It brings in money from the towns and cities. If drainage districts are taxes, even the ad valorem portion is taxable only on the property within the district, and only includes property benefitted, not a broader cross-section of taxpayers.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Well, that's...that was my next question because there are certain things that after awhile you begin to look at bills and red flags jump up at you as you read them. One of them, for me, is Section 4 where it talks about the precincts shall be established...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Doug, are you reading from a copy of which, of the bill?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I am sorry, the committee, your committee amendment to LB 1384.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: I am sorry. It talks there, this is